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3) Government are examining the question of the incidence of the court-fees in another connection. No decision has been taken so far.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, in view of the fact that the court fees are still high, will the Government reconsider their decision and reduce the fees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have explained the position yesterday while replying to the discussion on ' Administration of Justice '. I have stated that the expenditure exceeds the income and therefore nobody can contend with this taxation.

SRI S. LAZAR : Sir, is it not a fact that the Law Commission as well as the Taxation Enquiry Commission considered the argument put forward by the Hon. Minister yesterday, namely, that this in itself is not reducing or going to reduce the cost of litigation? Is it not a fact that these two bodies have met these two points and still hold the court-fee should be reduced?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the point that is stressed by these Commissions and other bodies has been that it should not be a taxation measure but only a fee. I have pointed out that it is only a fee and not taxation.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Should the public have to pay to get justice?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The public have to pay for all the amenities that they get.

Land Colonization Scheme for ex-Servicemen

* 518 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to provide small-scale industries and improve the Land Colonization Schemes for the ex-Servicemen in this State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech includes revision by the Member.]

II.—PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to make a personal explanation.

MR. SPEAKER : About what?

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : It is about a speech made by the hon. Member Sri C. N. Annadurai. When speaking on the general discussion of the budget, he referred to the ' Who is who ' of the Madras Legislature, wherein he said that I have mentioned

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that my hobby is 'politics', and he was trying to bring out the inference that hobby meant pastime, and that I wished to make politics my pastime. I have therefore to clarify the position.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : On a point of order, Sir. May I know on what motion the hon. Member is speaking or under what rule he is speaking?

MR. SPEAKER : He is making a personal explanation in order to answer some accusation made against him the other day in the discussion on the budget.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : ஒரு பாயின்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், ஸார். பெர்ஸனல் எக்ஸ்ப்ளனேஷனை, சம்பந்தப்பட்ட தினத்திலேயே கொடுக்க வேண்டுமா, அல்லது என்றும் கொடுக்கலாமா?

MR. SPEAKER : அதை என்றும் கொடுக்கலாம்; சம்பந்தப்பட்ட தினத்தில் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சபையில் இல்லை என்றால், பிறகு என்றும் கொடுக்கலாம்.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : The meaning of the word 'hobby', as found in the Oxford dictionary, is clear. I would like the hon. Member Sri Annadurai to refer to the Oxford Dictionary. 'Hobby means', "Favourite subject or occupation that is not one's main business". It does not say that it is pastime. Actually I am not a professional politician, and I do not think any member of this House is a professional politician. There is nothing wrong in regard to the other expression I used, namely 'amateurish politician'. The word 'amateur' is also quite clearly defined. 'Amateur is defined as

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member's personal explanation is only with reference to 'hobby'.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : The hon. Member Sri Annadurai was trying to make out that hobby meant pastime. I think the cap fits them better, as they are "amateurish politicians". 'Hobby' does not definitely mean 'pastime'. 'Hobby' means a favourite subject in which I am interested. 'Politics' is the subject in which I am interested. So 'Hobby' as defined has no connexion with what Sri Annadurai has been trying to make out and throw at me.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether the Hon. Member has accepted the Oxford dictionary as the authoritative one or the Chamber's dictionary as the authoritative one?

MR. SPEAKER : It is not the Speaker's job to say which is the best dictionary. The hon. Member has quoted a particular dictionary. If the hon. Member Sri Anbazhagan has got any other dictionary, he can quote it. (Laughter.)